

# **POLLOCKSVILLE** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**November 27, 2022**

***Leader in Worship: Jay Bender***  
***Choir Director/Pianist: Gera Howe***

311 Main Street / P O Box 205 / Pollocksville, NC 28573

[www.PollocksvillePresbyterian.org](http://www.PollocksvillePresbyterian.org)

(252) 224-8181



## **The Session & Committee Chairs for 2022**

Clerk of Session: Jay Bender	(252-224-6201)	<a href="mailto:jaybender@ec.rr.com">jaybender@ec.rr.com</a>	
Treasurer: Ron Pound	(252-638-8397)	<a href="mailto:ronnclbs@aol.com">ronnclbs@aol.com</a>	
Jean Bender, Christian Ed	(252-229-6545)	<a href="mailto:jbbender2@embargmail.com">jbbender2@embargmail.com</a>	[Class of 2024]
John Bender, Worship	(252-675-8431)	<a href="mailto:jmbender1991@gmail.com">jmbender1991@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2024]
Eileen Griswold, Stewardship	(252-671-0391)	<a href="mailto:eegriswold@aol.com">eegriswold@aol.com</a>	[Class of 2024]
Ed Jekel, Facilities	(315-723-4422)	<a href="mailto:edjekel@quadlink.net">edjekel@quadlink.net</a>	[Class of 2023]
Margaret Ross, Fellowship/Cong. Care	(252-670-8254)	<a href="mailto:adamandmargaretross@gmail.com">adamandmargaretross@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2023]
Ed Valentine, Missions	(252-617-8278)	<a href="mailto:W2YPM@earthlink.net">W2YPM@earthlink.net</a>	[Class of 2023]
Rebecca Long, Evangelism/Memorial	(252-626-3521)	<a href="mailto:rebecca.long4702@gmail.com">rebecca.long4702@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2022]
Diane McCaffity, Child Care	(252-229-7164)	<a href="mailto:dfmccaffity@gmail.com">dfmccaffity@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2022]
Lyle Swanger, Personnel	(252-617-0697)	<a href="mailto:lyle.swanger@gmail.com">lyle.swanger@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2022]
Presbyterian Men Moderator -	Jeremy LeRay (252-474-7678)	<a href="mailto:jdleray@gmail.com">jdleray@gmail.com</a>	

# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

November 27, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Lighting of the Advent Candle*                      ~ Hope ~                      ~ Mary Ann & Jeremy LeRay

Response (*remain seated*)                      “He Came Down”                      *See Hymn Insert*

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

*Leader:* We may not know when,

*People:* **but you are coming to us, grace overflowing from your heart, O God.**

*Leader:* We may not know who,

*People:* **but your hope will be shared by the least likely people, Friend of the poor.**

*Leader:* We may not know how,

*People:* **but your peace will transform our angry words into warm welcomes, our bitterness into cups of love, Spirit of Joy.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*The Peace of Christ

*Leader:* ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

\*Opening

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#151

*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Call to Reconciliation

*Leader:* We may not know the time, but our every moment is held in God’s hands. We may not do and say what we should or could, but God offers us words of forgiveness. Join me as we pray together, saying,

## Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

**Sometimes it is hard for us to take you seriously, God of our lives. With variants still stalking us, how can we think of traveling and being in crowds? With bullies being given unlimited access on social media, why shouldn't we respond with anger and vindictive slights? With our hopes turned to ashes, how can we become beacons of light for those in the shadows? Forgive us, God of holy seasons, and have mercy. In the days to come, may we discover the grace which has always been ours, so we can share it with others. May we taste the sweet goodness of your love, and feed those around us. May we be filled with the peace of your Spirit, so we may expect you to come in those we least expect, in places which surprise us, in moments we overlook, just as you did in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

## *Silence is Kept*

### Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsive)*

*Leader:* Reach out and touch the kingdom, for it is right next to you.  
Breathe in and feel the Spirit of peace and hope.  
Trust and believe this good news:  
God is nearer than you might ever imagine.

*People:* **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! We can set aside our differences and embrace everyone, we can seek peace for all in our lives, our neighborhoods, our world. Amen.**

## The Sacrament of Baptism

Statement of Purpose

Presentation of *Lucas Jace Monahan*

Profession of Faith and Promises

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Prayer

Anthem

"Waking" ~ *Choplin*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

<sup>36</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>42</sup> "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Sermon

*"If Not When, What?"*

~ Jay Bender

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

~ Jay Bender

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.**

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

\*Closing Hymn

"Watchmen Tell Us of the Night"

#20

The Presbyterian Hymnal

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold:** Congregation Speaks

\*\*\*\*\*

*Welcome!*

**Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.**

~ Next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> ~

**Jeff Mizell will be filling the pulpit during the morning worship service**

\*\*\*\*\*



"The poinsettias in the sanctuary this morning were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John D. and Virginia Jenkins by Carol and Bob Mattocks."



## **Prayer List Additions as of 11/20/2022**

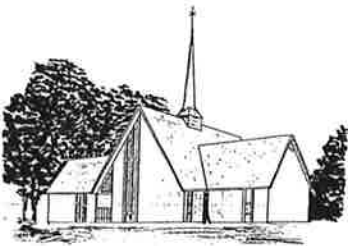
*Penny Bender— day to day—respiratory problems; Ed Edmondson – still in the hospital;  
Thelma Edmondson – Caregiver; Hilda/Janet are helping two local ladies find a place to live  
(one permanent, the other for approximately 12 months);  
The Family of Evelyn Bell (Jerry Burkot's Aunt)*

**Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.**

\* \* \* \* \*

*“Advent season is an invitation to set your mind off of the stresses of the year. We can take our focus off of the crazy hustle that can be associated with the Christmas season that often threatens to produce more hassle than delight. Advent is a chance to focus our thoughts on the gift God has given us in his son Jesus.”* *From [crosswalk.com](http://crosswalk.com)*

\* \* \* \* \*



## **Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church**

<b>December 4</b>		<b>Jeff Mizell</b>
<b>December 11</b>		<b>Lyle Swanger</b>
<b>December 18</b>		<b>Jeff Mizell</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>(Christmas Eve Service)</b>	<b>Jay Bender</b>
<b>December 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Jay Bender</b>

### **2023**


<b>January 1</b>		<b>Mary Ann LeRay</b>
<b>January 8</b>		<b>Janie Canty-Mitchell</b>
<b>January 15</b>	<b>(Installation &amp; Communion)</b>	<b>Rev. Gary Howell</b>
<b>January 22</b>		<b>Rev. David D. McDonald</b>
<b>February 8</b>		<b>Rev. Dr. David Vanderbilt</b>
<b>February 12</b>		<b>Jay Bender</b>
<b>February 19</b>		<b>Rev. Dr. Nancy Gladden</b>
<b>February 26</b>		<b>Rev. Gary Howell</b>



## **Reminders & Announcements**

**Sunday Mornings: 11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary &  
Streaming Live on Facebook & on PPC Website**

**Sundays at 9:45 am      Adult Sunday School – *Remember your Bibles!*  
Children's Sunday School at 11 am**

**Wednesdays**  **6 pm Choir Practice**  
**Today, Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**      **"Hanging of the Greens" begins**  
**Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**      **NO Childcare Meeting**  
**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **Christmas on Main Street**  
**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**      **5 pm Session Meeting**  
**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**      **3 pm Women's Circle White Elephant Christmas Party  
in the Sanctuary Annex**  
**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**      **5 pm Community Christmas Dinner**  
**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**      **Christmas Joy Offering**  
    **7 pm PPC Christmas Cantata**  
**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Christmas Sunday**  
    **Building Fund Sunday**  
**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> & Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – Church Office Closed**  
**Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 – Church Office Closed**  
**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> Through January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Childcare Closed – Reopen Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

\* \* \* \* \*



***November: Allen & Jean Bender***  
***December: Bob & Carol Mattocks***

\* \* \* \* \*



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

*Isaiah 2:1-5 and Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44*

**Daily Readings for November 27 – December 3 use the following web link:**

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>





**\$280 has been received to date for The Annual Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance, formally known as Barium Springs. It is not too late if you wish to contribute. Just mark on your check or pew envelope Thanksgiving Offering and drop in offering plate or give to Ron Pound.**

**Their mission is to provide a safe, healing journey for hurting children and families - creating hope now and in the future.**



**Saturday, December 3, 2022  
5:30 - 7:30 pm -- Christmas on Main Street -- Pollocksville  
Grand Marshall – Penny M. Bender**



### **Attention All Women!**



**White Elephant Christmas Party -- Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary Annex**

**Bring finger food...sweet or savory, to share  
& a wrapped White Elephant gift to exchange**

*Think ahead about your special "tacky," "bizarre," or perhaps even "useful" White Elephant gift for exchange*

**Contact Cathy Campbell if you plan to attend.**

**Email: [campbellrobertc@embarqmail.com](mailto:campbellrobertc@embarqmail.com) or call 252-637-4191**



**Christmas Cantata  
"I Hear the Prophet Calling"  
Sunday Evening, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
in the Pollocksville Presbyterian Church Sanctuary  
Refreshments to follow.**



## He Came Down

137

He came down that we may have hope; he

came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may

have hope; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

*Leader:* Why did he come?

*Additional stanzas:*

... that we may have peace  
 ... that we may have joy  
 ... that we may have love

Because this traditional Cameroon piece begins with the refrain, it does not initially reveal that it is cast as a call-and-response song. Assigning the answers to the congregation rather than to the leader is a notable affirmation of the corporate wisdom of God's people.